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West Point in Our Next War. The Only Way to Create and to Maintain an Army. By MAXWELL VAN TANDT WOODHULL. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1915. Pp. 266.)

The author's avowed purpose is "to point the way—the only way—to safety and success through thorough preparation."

Transfer the Philippines to Germany; prepare to defend the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska "at all hazards and to the death;" and reorganize the army by frankly abandoning the volunteer system as obsolete. Then increase the number of cadets to thirty-six hundred, and build up your army upon a system of conscription, "the most democratic, the fairest, the most equal and the only logical method on raising and maintaining modern armies." This will place the United States in a position of security. and this alone can accomplish it. The book is chiefly an elaboration of these propositions. It contains 266 pages of text, without an index. The postscript, in the form of a letter, is devoted to a criticism of Secretary Garrison's plans for national defense.

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Regulation of Railroads and Public Utilities in Wisconsin. By FRED L. HOLMES. (New York and London: D. Appleton and Company. 1915. Pp. xi, 375.)

Mr. Holmes has prepared a painstaking account of the work of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, under the laws for the regulation of railroads and other public utilities in that State. As a member of the legislature, serving as chairman of the assembly committee on transportation, he has been in a position to know the objects and provisions of the laws and to observe the results. His book gives evidence of careful study of the published reports of the commission, and also contains much information from its unpublished records. Quotations are given freely from the opinions of the commission and from addresses of the commissioners, as well as from judicial opinions, to show the principles and reasoning underlying the decisions, and this is further supported by statistical and other data explaining the decisions and their results.

The contents of the book demonstrate the comprehensive and intensive character of the commission's work in all its phases. In regulating rates, and service, capitalization and accounting, and in its valuations, the Wisconsin commission has set a high standard of scientific investigation which should be clearly recognized, even by those who